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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner: Laura Estelle Edwards

Stephen D. Pacetti et al.

Serial No.: 10/678,979

Art Unit: 1734

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Title: METHOD FOR SUPPORTING A STENT AND A METHOD OF
USING THE MANDREL TO COAT A STENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF
TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW ON MAY 26, 2005**

Dear Examiner Edwards:

This is a Statement of the Substance of the telephonic interview which occurred on May 26, 2005 regarding the Response to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2005.

Claims discussed

All claims were discussed, in general. Claims 51 and 54 were discussed specifically.

Prior art discussed

Taylor et al. (US 6,214,115).

Summary of Discussion

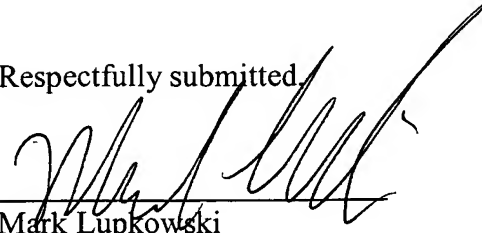
The Examiner indicated that claims 51 and 54 would be cancelled. Applicants' attorneys, Mark Lupkowski and Cameron Kerrigan, argued that claim 54 was supported by the specification and was not disclosed in the prior art. Examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla would not agree to allow claim 54. Examiner indicated that claims 51 and 54 would be cancelled.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0297.

Date: July 1, 2005

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lupkowski', is written over a horizontal line.

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